



# A SINGING RAG DOLL



# A Singing Rag Doll

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① Qiao Yi is a rag doll.



No one wants to buy her.

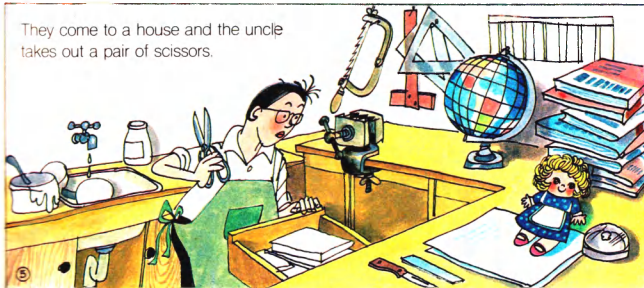
A little girl picks her up, looks at her and then puts her down.



An uncle takes Qiao Yi away.



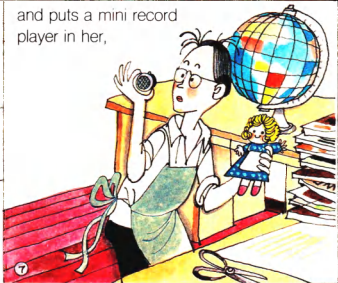
They come to a house and the uncle takes out a pair of scissors.



He cuts open Qiao Yi's clothes  
at the back,



and puts a mini record  
player in her,



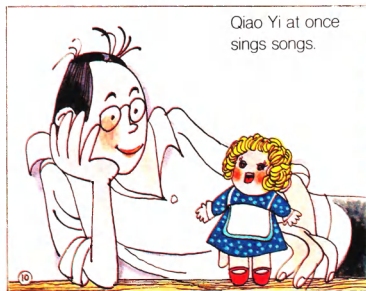
then fits a zipper to her clothes.



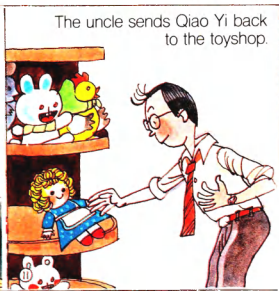
Finally he unzips her clothes and  
puts in a record. tiny



Qiao Yi at once  
sings songs.



The uncle sends Qiao Yi back  
to the toyshop.

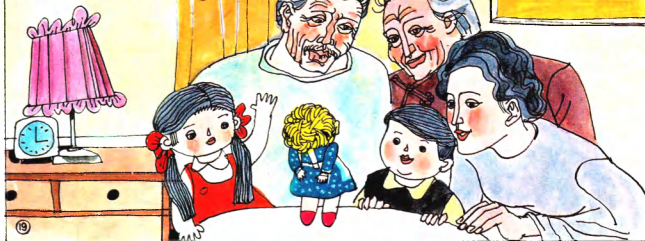








Leilei's whole family gathers round  
Qiao Yi to listen to her songs.



Qiao Yi sings one  
after another.







She looks at her friends triumphantly.



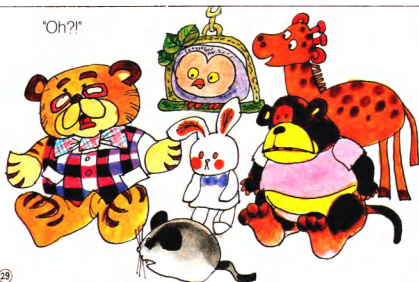
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All of a sudden she bursts out crying.

"Oh?!"



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Aha, the record was put in wrong.

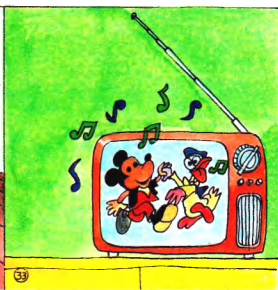


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This time Qiao Yi sings perfectly.



Qiao Yi tells the other toys,  
"The cartoons on T.V. are  
very interesting."

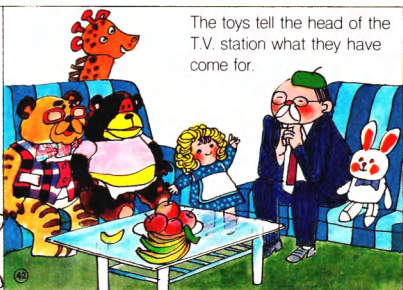


"Let's set up  
a T.V. station  
by ourselves."

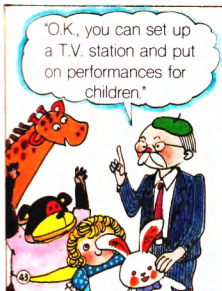
"OK.!"

"I'm all for it."

"What shall we  
call the station?"







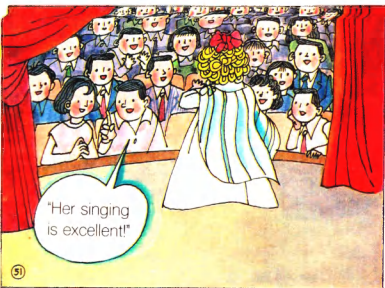
The toys make preparations for the show.



Qiao Yi steps onto the stage for the first time.



"Her singing is excellent!"



"Why, what's the matter? There is no sound."



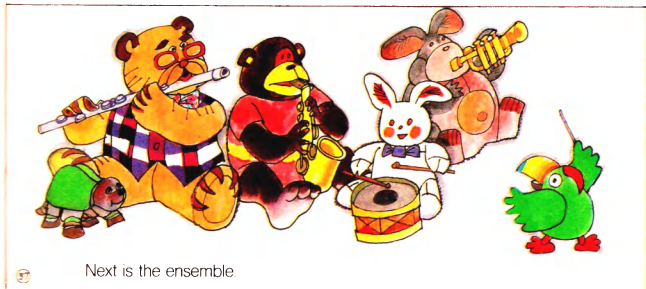


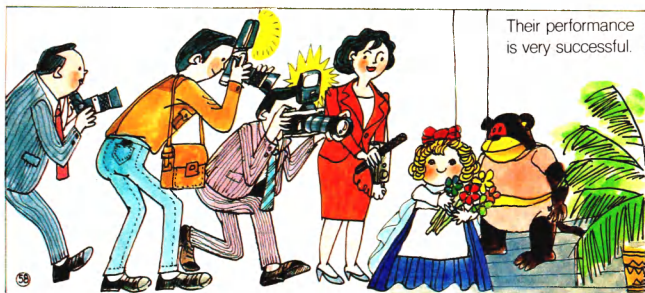


Someone from the audience brings up an electronic watch. It has a battery.

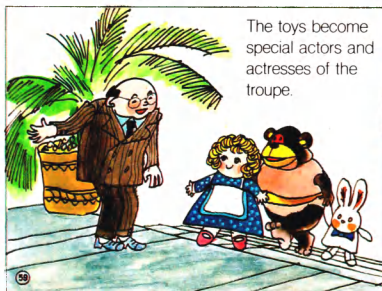


Qiao Yi starts again.





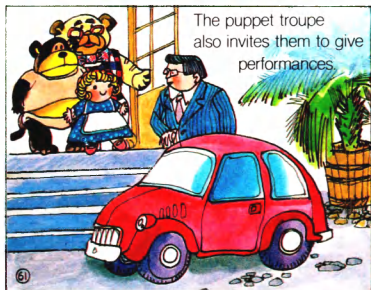
Their performance is very successful.



The toys become special actors and actresses of the troupe.



The T.V. station wants to video-tape the toys.



The puppet troupe also invites them to give performances



Many children write letters to Qiao Yi.



Endless telephone calls and letters.



"Someone wants to see you."

The children from the kindergarten have come to see Qiao Yi.



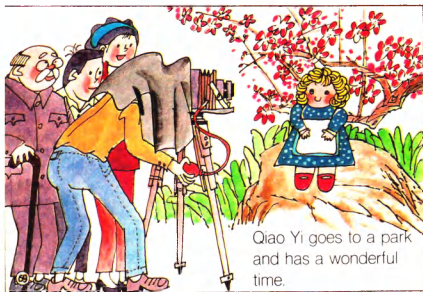
"I'm going to the T.V. station for a taping. Bye-bye!"



"I'm now a famous actress. How can I play with the children! How annoying!"

Curious people gather round Qiao Yi on the street.





Qiao Yi goes to a park and has a wonderful time.

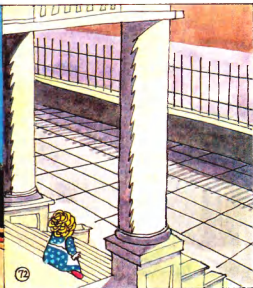
"Oh, it's time to go to the T.V. station."



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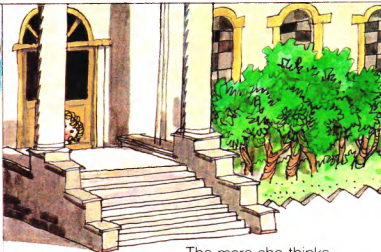
Where is the T.V. station?



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Qiao Yi regrets leaving Lelei.

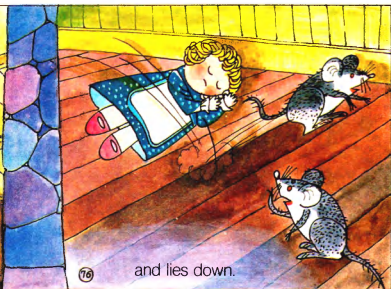
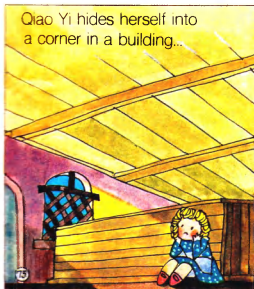


The more she thinks, the more she feels afraid.

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Qiao Yi hides herself into  
a corner in a building...



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and lies down.

"This is that singing  
rag doll."



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How terrible!  
What can I  
do?

"Let's tickle  
her feet."



"No, nibble  
her nose."

Qiao Yi pulls out a record which has a mewing sound.

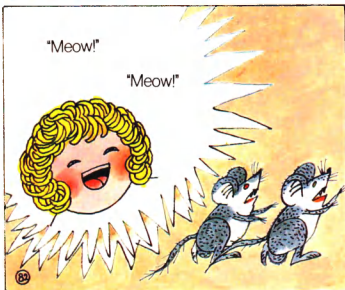


Then she puts it in.



"Meow!"

"Meow!"



"Where did the cat come from?"



Leilei finds out it is Qiao Yi.



"Where have you been?"

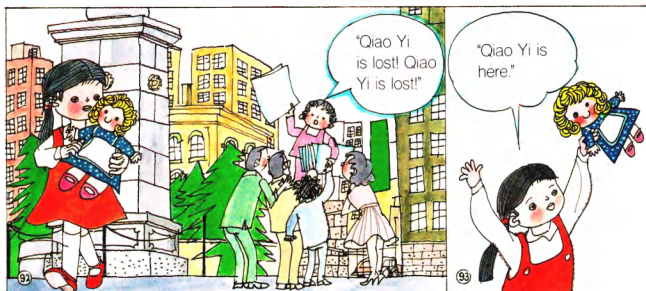
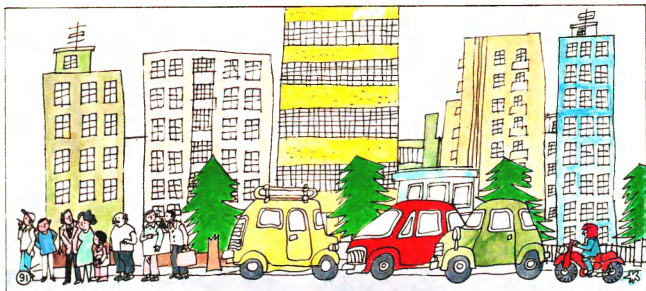






Right after daybreak, Leilei sends Qiao Yi back to the troupe.





People all gather round  
Qiao Yi and Leilei.



The heads of the troupe  
and the T.V. station  
both hurry over.



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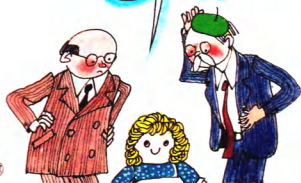
"Qiao should  
go back and  
rest."

"Qiao has a  
taping at the  
T.V. station."



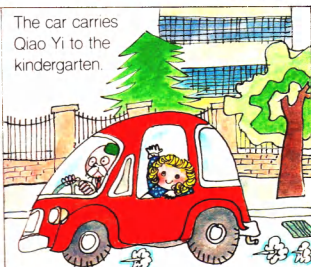
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"No, I want to see  
the children in the  
kindergarten."



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The car carries  
Qiao Yi to the  
kindergarten.



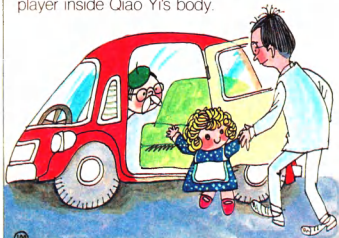
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Suddenly the car is  
stopped by a  
man.

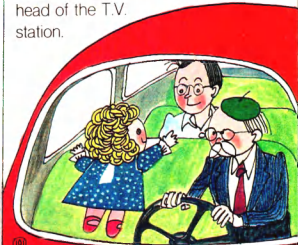


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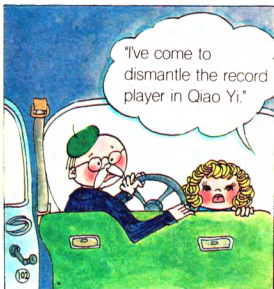
He is the uncle who put the mini record player inside Qiao Yi's body.



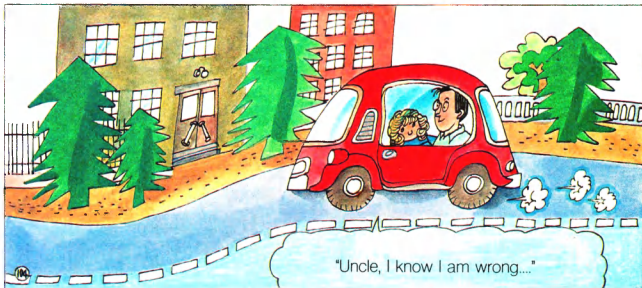
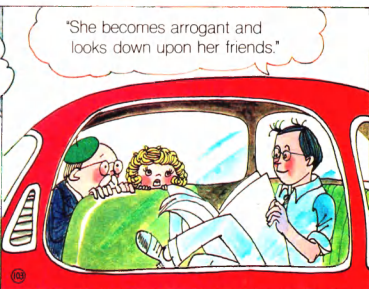
Qiao Yi introduces him to the head of the T.V. station.



"I've come to dismantle the record player in Qiao Yi."



"She becomes arrogant and looks down upon her friends."



"Uncle, I know I am wrong...."





The children give her a warm welcome.



The toys all come to the kindergarten.



"Qiao Yi, please sing a song for the children."



Qiao Yi sings one song  
after another.



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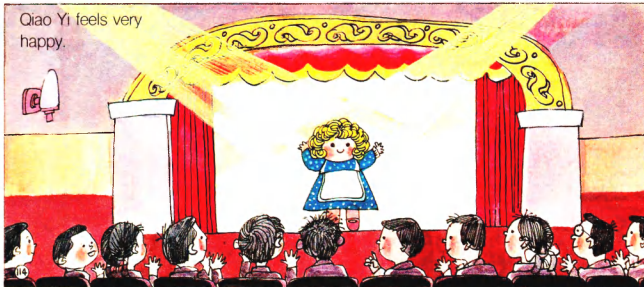
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After singing, she dances with the children.



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Qiao Yi feels very  
happy.



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